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POLITICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Republican State Ticket.

For Justice of Supreme Court,
CHARLES D. LONG, of INGHAM.

For Regents of State University,
W. J. CAWKER, of LENAWE, and
C. D. LAWTON, of VAN BUREN.

Republican County Ticket.

For Commissioner of Schools,
WILLIAM G. MARSH, of GRAYLING.

Republican County Convention.

The convention called for last Saturday, convened at the Court House, and was called to order by R. D. Conner, chairman of County Committee. J. C. Hanson was elected chairman, and J. K. Merz, secretary.

On motion the following committees were appointed:
Credentialed—C. F. Kelley, Jay Allen and J. J. Neiderer.
Organization—L. E. Parker, E. T. Waldron and T. A. Carney.

The reports of committees were adopted, and on motion a ballot was taken for delegate to State Convention and C. F. Kelley, of Frederic, was elected.

On motion a ballot was taken for second delegate and J. Staley, of Grayling, was elected.

On motion R. Hanson and Jay Allen were elected alternate delegates.

On motion a ballot was taken for a candidate for Commissioner of Schools, and J. G. Marsh was nominated.

On motion the convention adjourned, sine die.

J. C. HANSON,
J. K. MERZ, CHAIRMAN.
Secretary.

Canadian papers continue to advise this country to adopt free trade, and it is fair to infer that they are not as much interested in their deficit as they are in trading with us.

Democratic organs are now boasting of "the big surplus President Cleveland leaves in the treasury." They carefully avoid mentioning the big monthly deficit, or the source whence the "surplus" came.

March 4th, 1897, will mark the end of a great mistake by the voters of the United States in 1892. The mistake consisted in supposing that one party is as good as another—Globe Democrat.

An exchange remarks that a protective tariff "always prevents a deficit." It does. It prevents a deficit not only in the National treasury, but in the workman's pocket.

Kansas City Journal.

Mrs. Bryan informs the public that Mr. Bryan's record for the standing broad jump is 12 feet 4 inches. This must have been made on the day he heard that Tom Watson was on the road to Nebraska.—Globe Democrat.

Colonel Hogg says Mr. Bryan is one of the greatest men the country has produced, and Mr. Bryan says that Colonel Hogg is one of the world's greatest statesmen. The remarks were not intended to meet in this way, but they have come together like two Dromedaries.—Inter-Ocean.

The incoming President will have a few postmasters and consuls to appoint, but the present administration has relieved him of about 75,000 such troubles by placing them under civil service rule. Cleveland was very thoughtful and kind about it, and only waited until he could get the democrats in.

The New York Times, after making a malicious assault on General Alger's military record takes it all back in a frank and manly article. But it would have been very much better had the Times made an investigation of the truth of the charges first.

Kansas is to be gerrymandered by the Populists on the supposition that a republican majority will be prevented in all except one district. After the next national administration gets down to work one more gerrymander will be found to be filled with sawdust.

It is reported that 30,000 people in the State of Louisiana are practically starving to death. A relief committee has inspected some of the parishes east of Shreveport. Already the State has expended \$65,000 in aiding the sufferers, but much more will be required.

WASHINGTON LETTER

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16th, 1897.

Gen. T. S. Clarkson, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., who was in Washington this week to attend the annual encampment of the Department of the Potomac, said of Gen. Alger, the next Secretary of War:

"I was on Gen. Alger's staff when he was commander-in-chief of the Grand Army and knew him very well. There isn't a man in the Grand Army who doesn't believe that Gen. Alger was a brave and a good soldier and we are delighted of seeing him made Secretary of War. It is a matter of considerable congratulation to us that both the President and Secretary of War will be members of the Grand Army. We have done very well in the matter of Presidents since the war. President McKinley will be the fifth, the others having been Grant, Hayes, Garfield and Harrison."

Some fears are expressed that one or more of the regular appropriation bills may fail to become laws before the expiration of the Fifty-fourth Congress, but so far as can be learned they are not shared by the veterans who compose the Senate and House Appropriation Committees.

One of them speaking of the matter said: "The life of this Congress is rapidly drawing to a close, but with the exception of the General Deficiency bill, which is always purposely kept back so as to include items that may get overlooked, and so as to give the departments time to ascertain all the deficiencies. We have the appropriation bills, which have not yet become laws, well in hand, and unless one of them should be vetoed during the last few days of the session, I feel certain, that they will all get through, although one or two of them will, as usual, have a tight squeeze, but there will be little or no time to devote to anything else from now on."

Although Senator Pettigrew, of South Dakota, denied the charge made by Senator Chandler, that he betrayed the sound money convention that sent him to the St. Louis convention by bolting that convention, and supporting the silver monetary candidate for President, his denial left the charge just about where it was when first made.

It has been repeatedly stated in Washington that Senator Pettigrew pledged himself to a number of Republicans to abide by the candidates and platform of the St. Louis convention before he was elected a delegate; also that Mr. Pettigrew would not have been elected delegate, if he had not made that pledge. If he wishes to convince people that his subsequent action was blameless, he should be a little more specific. Stating that a convention which had just come out flat-footed for sound money sent him to the national convention knowing that he would bolt the convention if it declared for sound money, as Mr. Pettigrew in substance does, is not convincing enough.

Although Senator Frye is the second member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, he will not succeed Senator Sherman as its chairman after March 3d. Senator Frye is chairman of the Committee on Commerce and has, it is understood, stated, that he would not care to undertake the arduous duties of chairman of the Foreign Committee in addition to those of his present chairmanship, which he prefers to retain. Consequently it is considered certain that Senator Davis, of Minnesota, at present third member of the committee, will be made chairman when Senator Sherman retires. Mr. Davis is thoroughly equipped in general knowledge for the position, and his Americanism is of the true blue brand. There is some talk of a combination of the silver Senators to prevent the retention by the Republicans of the organization of the Senate in the next Congress, but known conditions do not warrant belief in the success of such a combination, even if the attempt should be made.

A great many bright newspaper men are assuming to tell just what Speaker Reed will do at the coming extra session, but not one of them has given Speaker Reed as his authority. It should be needless to say, that Mr. Reed, even if he has fully decided upon his exact course, which is doubtful, has not taken anybody outside of the leaders of the republican party, into his confidence, and that neither he nor they are in the habit of furnishing advance programmes to newspaper men. Some things may be surmised with a fair degree of correctness by almost anybody who is fully conversant with the situation, but when any attempt is made to enter into details about the committees of the next House, and what will or will not be done beyond the passing of the tariff bill, for which the extra session will be expressly called, it is simply guessing, and that is one of the things your correspondent never does when important matters are involved.

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Our Six Year Old Daughter.

Our six year old little daughter had a very sore throat, badly ulcerated, and coughed almost incessantly. Gave her the White Wine of Dr. Syrup according to directions and she began to improve immediately and soon got well. Mrs. Groves and I have recommended it to others, and we consider it the very best medicine in use. Rev. D. H. Groves, Pastor M. E. Church, Clarksville, Mo.

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